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SUBJECT: De Marigny, Alfred M.F.

REPORT FROM NATIONAL CENSORSHIP
THE OFFICE OF CABLE AND RADIO CENSORSHIP, NEW YORK

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I SUBJECT: ~~X~~ SCHWARZ, ROBERT, BRISTLE CORP.
15 Park Row
New York City

SUMMARY: The three officers of this corporation are natives of Germany and were engaged in business in that country for many years. Both ROBERT SCHWARZ and ALFRED CAHN, the two major officers, came to the United States early in 1938. Schwarz established the subject business individually on May 1, 1939 and was succeeded by the present corporation in September 1940. The company imports bristles and horse hair which it sells in domestic and foreign markets. Cable contacts indicate that foreign sales are largely to Switzerland, with lesser amounts to England and Sweden. A number of applications, filed with the Federal Reserve Bank-New York during 1941, indicate that many concerns with which the subject corporation is engaged in business are owned by Germans or nationals of occupied countries. The British Consulate General-New York had a "watch" classification on the company, but changed it to a "believed trading intentionally or otherwise with the enemy" classification in April 1940, based primarily upon a report that the principal source of supply was a company listed on the Statutory List. In April 1941, Schwarz furnished the Consulate General with a written undertaking not to trade with the enemy within the meaning of the Trading with the Enemy Act. Two applications were filed by the subject corporation with the Federal Reserve Bank-New York in July 1941 to open letters of credit, one in favor of an individual in Holland, occupied territory, and the other in favor of a Dutch firm in Monrovia, Liberia, which maintained its main office in Rotterdam, Holland, also occupied. These two applications, one of which was granted, appear to violate the written agreement submitted by the corporation to the British Consulate General. The company has also been in cable and telephone contact with THEODORE SCHLOSS (Dayrep 5335) who is a director of the British blacklisted firm of SETOLA S.A., Geneva, Switzerland, which is listed Dayrep 5000. Other cable contacts are also suspicious. Information clearly indicates that the company has intentionally traded with German or German controlled firms and is not to be trusted. APPEARS VERY SUSPICIOUS.

This corporation sent a cable to ENRIQUE H. ~~MAYER~~, Calle de Chiapas Num 40A, Mexico DF, Mexico, on June 29, 1942, which reads:

DEMAYC WRITES NOBODY APPROACHED THEM TELEGRAPH IMMEDIATELY
NAME ADDRESS FORWARDING AGENT OTHERWISE AFRAID LOSING PARCEL

Trade Censor #16, CNY, suppressed the cable and requested an investigation of the subject corporation based on preliminary information available of a slightly suspicious nature.

It is not determined whether any connection exists between the addressee of this cable, Enrique H. Mayer, and ENRIQUE (HEINRICH) ~~MAYER~~, located at Madrid, Spain, and listed on the U. S. Proclaimed List.

Cables in Copying and Filing Division, CNY, show the following cable contacts:

ANIMAL PRODUCTS, Montevideo, Uruguay
BANQUE FEDERALE, S.A., Berne, Switzerland (Dayrep 3000)
DEL BANCO ~~MAYER~~ & CO., LTD., London
ERNST CO., Meilen, Zurich, Switzerland
HOLMBERG, FASSBENDER & CO. A/B, Stockholm (Dayrep 8 describes this firm as acting as intermediary for shipment of hides to Germany.)
ENRIQUE H. ~~MAYER~~, Calle de Chiapas Num 40A, Mexico DF, Mexico
ROSSHAARFABRIK KAUFMANN, Basel, Switzerland
SCHNYDER A.G., Waedenswil, Switzerland
SETOLA SOCIETE ANONYME BRISTLES, Geneva, Switzerland
(Further mentioned below)
STOCKHOLMS BORSTBINDERI, Stockholm

The major cable contacts appear to be Schnyder A.G., Rosshaarfabrik Kaufmann, Enrique H. Mayer, Ernst Co. and Del Banco Mayer & Co., Ltd.

Cable correspondence between BLEICHROEDER BING & CO., 80 Maiden Lane, New York City, a marine insurance firm, and its correspondent in London, BLEICHROEDER LTD., indicates that the former handles a good portion of the marine insurance business of the subject corporation. Bleichroeder Bing & Co., Inc. is described Dayrep 4245, and is owned and managed by several German Jewish refugees.

A telephone conversation dated June 9, 1942, was held between THEODORE SCHLOSS, 20 Quai Gustav Ador, Geneva, Switzerland, who was identified as being affiliated with Setola Societe Anonyme Bristles (previously mentioned as a cable contact), and a representative of the subject corporation. In this conversation the New York person stated that he had "received the cable from the Swiss party and called to find out if the merchandise was new". The Swiss party said that the goods had arrived in New York in December 1940. The

New York individual offered \$32,000 net cash for the merchandise and the foreign person said he would have to consult his bank (Swiss Bank) to find out the possibility of releasing the merchandise which is now in BAKER & WILLIAMS, warehouse, New York. The New York person said that his firm also uses the same warehouse. Schloss stated that after he consults his bank he will cable the results, at which time arrangements would be made for obtaining a license to transfer the funds. This phone call was evidently in answer to a cable sent by the Swiss firm to the subject corporation dated June 8, 1942 which reads:

ARE SELLERS PAYMENT CABLETRANSFER NINETY CASES CHUNGKING
BRISTLES ASSORTED FIFTY RIFLINGS TEN EACH 2 1/2 2 1/2 2 3/4 3
EX STORE NEWYORK PLEASE CABLE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU ARE IN-
TERESTED STATING TOTALAMOUNT

~~Theodore Schloss~~ is mentioned in a Memorandum Digest and proposed Dayrep on ~~HENRY ENFIELD~~, Miami, Florida, which information was forwarded to CCC by ~~inrod CNY~~ on July 6, 1942. Schloss and Enfield are now mentioned Dayrep 5335. This investigation on Enfield was instituted at the request of CMI in view of suspicious consignments of miniature Minox cameras sent to Enfield by Theodore Schloss, Geneva, via Rome, Lisbon and Pernambuco.

Setola S.A., Geneva, Switzerland (Dayrep 5000) which is the same corporation identified above as Setola Societe Anonyme Bristles, is listed on the British War Trade List #9 (blacklist) as German-controlled and dealing in brush-making materials and similar items. The President of Setola S.A. is MAX MISCHLER, the Secretary is ALBERT TRITTEN, and a Director is THEODORE SCHLOSS. The latter resides in Germany.

In a cable sent by the subject corporation to Del Banco Mayer & Co., Ltd., London, in January 1942, the name of Adolf was mentioned in the text. Service Division, CNY, contacted the subject corporation for an explanation of the cable and ascertained that the name of Adolf mentioned in the text, referred to ADOLF MAYER, 230 Central Park South, who was cooperating with the Hair & Fibre Supply Co. and whose office is in Mexico. It is not determined if this Adolf Mayer is the same one mentioned in Dayrep 63, in which Robert Schwarz is also mentioned.

II SUBJECTS: ~~ELIAS MANN~~

Bus. Add: 220 Broadway
New York, N. Y.
Res. Add: 875 West End Avenue
New York, N. Y.

~~STEINACHER & RUEFF~~
Bastel Platz
Zurich, Switzerland

SUMMARY: ELIAS MANN is an Austrian national, who arrived in the United States in November, 1940. He is the owner of E. MANN, importers and exporters of horsehair. This is a partnership composed of Elias Mann and [REDACTED] b7C [REDACTED] is also an Austrian by birth, who entered the United States in January, 1940. Elias Mann has been engaged in similar business in Europe for many years and has been supplying horsehair to J. S. SCHNYDER A.G., Switzerland. He is apparently on familiar terms with STEINACHER & RUEFF, whose New York agent is DRAEGER SHIPPING CO., INC. Elias Mann purchased a consignment of horsehair for J. S. Schnyder A.G., which was held in the warehouse of Draeger Shipping Co., Inc. for forwarding, and which was subsequently sold to a United States Government agency. Elias Mann advised Steinacher & Rueff that Draeger Shipping Co., Inc. accounts were being closed by the FBI and that they should seek a new agency and suggested VICTORY SHIPPING CO., INC. or A. E. NYDEGGER & CO., INC. (Swiss American shipping agency.) As Steinacher & Rueff appear on the British War Trade lists and the various shipping agencies with which Elias Mann is connected in New York are all under suspicion, it appears that some suspicion is attached to both subjects.

Service Division, CNY, contacted the subject individual in connection with following message addressed to STEINACHER & RUEFF, dated June 30, 1942:

"CONSIDERING RECENT DEVELOPMENTS YOU WILL PROBABLY REQUIRE A NEW AGENT IN NEW YORK SUGGEST COMMUNICATE WITH VICTORY SHIPPING OR NYDEGGER WHO WILL NO DOUBT BE PLEASED TO LOOK AFTER YOU AND YOUR CLIENTS INTERESTS SINCE MATTER IMPORTANT SUGGEST YOU PHONE"

The subject advised he is an importer and exporter of horsehair and fiber and that he has been purchasing these commodities for the past 40 years for his customer, J. S. SCHNYDER A. G. of Waedenswil, Switzerland. This firm is a spinner of fiber and horsehair. A consignment of horsehair owned by J. S. Schnyder A.G. is currently in the warehouses of DRAEGER SHIPPING CO., INC. This consignment is valued forty to fifty thousand dollars. The subject advised that FBI closed all accounts of Draeger Shipping Co., Inc. and the merchandise cannot be moved without a special license. Therefore, Elias Mann sent the above cable to his client's forwarding agent in Zurich, STEINACHER & RUEFF, in which he suggests consideration be given to entering agency agreements with VICTORY SHIPPING CO., INC. or with A. E. NYDEGGER & CO., INC. (Dayreps 9, 2997, 3639, 3772) (Swiss American shipping agency). Elias Mann advises that the Swiss Consulate in New York is familiar with the Draeger Shipping Co., Inc. situation. It is also stated that the British Consulate General is believed to know the details of J. S. Schnyder A.G. (British Consulate General New York reported no information concerning J. S. Schnyder A.G.) Subject #1 stated that when these goods were sold to J. S. Schnyder A.G. and turned over

to Draeger Shipping Co., Inc. for forwarding, payments were made under Treasury license.

On July 7, 1942 subject #1 called in person in connection with a cable which he had sent to Steinacher & Rueff, which reads as follows:

"YOUR AGENT UNDER RESTRICTIONS CANNOT EXPLAIN FOR OBVIOUS REASONS"

At this time subject #1 stated that he was a stateless ex-Austrian, having left Austria in 1938, went to Switzerland and then to England. He came to the United States in November, 1940 and has his first papers. He stated he had formerly done a large export business to J. S. Schnyder A.G., whom he states are manufacturers of mattresses. Export consisted of horsehair and cattle hair, which subject #1 bought in New York and turned over to Draeger Shipping Co., Inc. to ship directly to the customer in Switzerland. This was possible because Draeger Shipping Co., Inc. were the agents of Steinacher & Rueff. Subject #1 stated that he no longer exported to Switzerland, but imported from South America, Mexico and Canada for sale here in the United States. He stated that Draeger Shipping Co., Inc. still represents Steinacher & Rueff, who are old business acquaintances of Elias Mann and that Draeger Shipping Co., Inc. still have merchandise in warehouses here for his customers. He further advised that J. HENRY SCHRODER BANKING CORP. (Dayreps 1047, 234, Y3759) and various competitors of Draeger had advised him that Draeger Shipping Co., Inc. was being investigated by the FBI. Therefore, Elias Mann, as a favor to his old friends Steinacher & Rueff is advising them that they should get a new agent in order to protect themselves and their customers.

The National City Bank advises that Elias Mann has maintained an account since December, 1940. Balances have been small averaging around \$300 to \$400. The account operates under General License #42 as amended. Subject #1 is engaged in importing bristles. The account is conducted in a routine manner and the bank has no further information as to his activities.

Steinacher & Rueff, Zurich, Switzerland, head office in Antwerp, Belgium are listed in the Swiss Directory as forwarding and commission agents, personnel being: PAUL RUEFF in Antwerp, JULES BURGLEN in Basel, and HANS OBRIST. (The files of CNY indicate cable communications between this Swiss firm, Draeger Shipping Co., Inc. and Elias Mann.)

The Swiss Directory lists J. S. Schnyder A.G., Waldenswil, Switzerland as horsehair spinners, the directors being: WIDOW ELISE SCHNYDER, ERNEST SCHNYDER and MAX SCHNYDER. It is indicated that this firm has been in communication with ROBERT SCHWARZ, BRISTLE CORP., 15 Park Row, New York City, and is mentioned in a cable from DANZAS CO. (see Dayreps 8, 2314), Zurich, to VICTORY SHIPPING CO.,

INC. (see Dayreps 9, 3306).

There are a number of cables between Schnyder A.G. and Draeger Shipping Co., Inc. (see Dayreps 3185, 4600, 4506, 5659), of which the following are of interest:

"BPY 12 30 WIRELESS BP NEWYORK NY 6 1230P JUN 6 1942
NLT I SCHNYDER AG
WAEDENSWIL (SWITZERLAND)
REFER OUR LETTER MAY TWENTY SECOND TO STEINACHER
RUEFF ZURICH WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED ORDERS FROM
TREASURY DEPARTMENT TO SELL ALL HORSEHAIR AND FIBRE
DRAEGER SHIPPING"

"HBEMA SZ606 ZUERICH 73/72 17 1532 6/17/42
ELIAS MANN 220 BROADWAY NEW YORK
ACCORDING CABLE DRAEGER ELEVENTH JUNE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT ORDERED SELLING OF OUR HAIR AND FIBRE
STOP SWISS GOVERNMENT HAS MADE COMPLAINT THROUGH
LEGATION WASHINGTON AS GOODS SWISS POSSESSION STOP
FOR THE CASE THAT CANNOT CHANGE THIS ORDERS WE
CHARGE YOU TO ATTEND TO OUR INTEREST STOP ACTUAL
MARKET PRICE PLUS ACCUMULATED TOTAL COSTS UNTIL END
JUNE FOR HAIR 47 DOLLAR CENT FOR FIBRE EIGHT DOLLAR -
CENT PER KILO
SCHNYDER AG"

"HBEMA SZ5329 WAEDENSWIL 32 19 1630 6/19/42
NLT DRAEGER SHIPPING 17 STATE STREET NEW YORK
VERBID CATEGORICALLY SELLING OUR GOODS AS NO RIGHT
ELIAS MANN ALONE ATTENDING TO OUR INTEREST FOLLOW
INSTRUCTIONS MAKING YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE
SCHNYDER AG WAEDENSWIL"

"NLT J. SCHNYDER 6/20/42
WAEDENSWIL (SWITZERLAND)
HAVE RELIABLE INFORMATION THAT DRAEGER'S MEXICAN
FIBRE HAS BEEN SOLD AT FAIR MARKET VALUE WHICH
HOWEVER INVOLVES LOSS OWING TO HIGH STORAGE RE-
MOVING AND MANIPULATING EXPENSES STOP REGARDING
HORSEHAIR LEGATION WASHINGTON IS STILL WITHOUT REPORT
ELIAS MANN"

"NLT ELIAS MANN 220 BROADWAY NEWYORK 6/29/42
FOLLOWING YOUR SUGGESTION ORDERED DRAEGER AND
VICTORY TO GIVE ENTIRE WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS TO SWISS
CONSULATE ATTENTION THEILER
SCHNYDER AG WAEDENSWIL"

MR. THEILER IS THE SWISS CARGO COMMISSIONAR AND VICE-CONSUL OF SWITZERLAND.

There are a considerable number of other cables dealing with this same subject.

There is a cable dated May 15, 1942 from Elias Mann to Steinacher & Rueff, Zurich, in which he offers to sell plastic washable playing cards to the Swiss company.

- III SUBJECTS: (1) ~~ALFRED de MARIGNY~~
a. Gladstone Hotel, N.Y.C.
b. Nassau, B.W.I.
- (2) ~~WALTER VON HUTSCHLER~~
a. Shelton Hotel, N.Y.C.
b. Caixa Postal 444, Sao Paulo
c. Nassau, B.W.I.
- (3) ~~EDANJI DINSHA~~
a. Stockleigh Hall
St. John's Woods
London, England
b. Dinsha House, Bombay, India
c. Waldorf Astoria Hotel, N.Y.C.

SUMMARY: DE MARIGNY, who is a British subject recently married to a Canadian heiress named MARION OAKES, teamed in 1941 with one WALTER VON HUTSCHLER, former World's Star Class Champion in the International Star Class Regatta at Larchmont, New York. They are reported to have gone later to Nassau, B.W.I. together.

Von Hutschler has been the subject of considerable suspicion because of his German ancestry and reported sailing activities in Danish and Norwegian coastal waters prior to the invasion of those countries by Germany. He has been associated with OSCAR COELHO (Dayrep #3), and WILLIAM BROADFIELD (Dayrep #2119) as well as two Brazilian banks with German connections. Actually, Von Hutschler is a Brazilian national, son of a Sao Paulo brewer. However, he worked in Germany for many years, married a German girl, and frequently represented that country in yachting events. He is believed to be in Brazil at present.

Cables indicated that de Marigny has been investing money in the Bahamas for one EDANJI DINSHA, a wealthy Indian of questionable responsibility, who has apparently had some difficulties with British authorities over

exchange regulations. In addition to de Marigny's former close association with Von Hutschler, his residence at the Hotel Gladstone makes him subject to further suspicion. That hotel, subject of a recent investigation is managed by, is frequented by, and employs individuals with pro-Axis sympathies. It is reported that de Marigny and his wife are going to Mexico in order that he may recuperate from a recent operation. SOME SUSPICION INDICATED.

Service Division CNY gave the following information:

ALFRED de MARIGNY, who claimed to be a British subject, living in the Bahamas, is reported to be in New York City on his wedding trip and residing at the Hotel Gladstone. He is a yachting enthusiast who in 1941 teamed with WALTER VONHUTSCHLER in the International Star Class Regatta at Larchmont, N.Y. Von Hutschler had in previous years represented Germany in the Star Class races. Because this fact was widely known in yachting circles, both Von Hutschler and de Marigny were subject of considerable suspicion during the races at Larchmont. At that time Von Hutschler claimed Brazilian citizenship.

Service Division note that de Marigny has received cables from one EDANJI DINSHA. The latter appears to be a wealthy Indian Prince for whom de Marigny is investing large sums of money in the Bahamas. Dinsha's cousin, one DARIUS TALYARKEN, admitted to Service Division that he and Dinsha had had considerable difficulty with the British Government in India concerning these investments. Their funds were frozen for a limited period.

Mr. GEORGE W. ELDER, 51 East 42nd Street, New York City, gave the following information on subjects (Elder is head of the International Star Class, a yacht broker, and Vice President and Secretary of Parkman Yachts, Inc., same address).

De Marigny comes from a French family who lived on an island which has been owned by the English for 300 years. It has been populated by French people who have retained their language and titles. De Marigny holds the title of Count. (Subsequent information indicated this island is Mauritius, located in the Indian Ocean, 600 miles east of Madagascar). De Marigny has been living in Nassau, B.W.I. for the last three or four years and is considered reliable enough, although somewhat irresponsible with money. He has been an enthusiastic yacht racer and has done much to promote Star Class racing in Nassau. De Marigny was divorced from his first wife in 1940, as a convenience in obtaining funds from the United States. His wife was RUTH FAHNESTOCK, member of a well known New York family. The divorce freed her funds from British financial regulations. After the divorce they continued to live together but finally separated. De Marigny has recently remarried.

In the summer of 1941, de Marigny competed at Larchmont in the International Star Class races with Walter Von Hutschler. In September 1941, Von Hutschler and de Marigny went to Nassau and it is understood that while there, a serious disagreement developed between them.

Von Hutschler has been known to Elder since 1932. In a number of years since then Von Hutschler has represented the Hamburg, Germany Star Class Fleet, first at Westport, Conn., and later at Long Island in 1937, San Diego in 1938, and Kiel, Germany in 1939. His wife is a German national who was born and brought up in Switzerland. The War broke out shortly after the close of the Kiel races in 1939, and Von Hutschler went to Denmark. He left there not long before the invasion of that country and went to Norway. Just before the invasion of Norway, he left for the United States. Von Hutschler competed in yacht races in the United States in the summer of 1940, and in the fall of that year became employed by Elder at the Parkman Yards, Bay 35th Street & Cropsey Avenue, Brooklyn. He was hired principally for his popularity among yachtsmen and also to allow him an opportunity to develop improvements in Star Boat fittings and design. While on this job he went to Cuba in January 1941, to compete in races there. In February 1941 Von Hutschler's connection with Elder and the Parkman Yards was ended. He is understood to have worked subsequently for Murphy & Nye, Inc., Chicago, Illinois, sail makers.

According to Elder, Von Hutschler is a Brazilian citizen. Because of this fact he was not eligible to represent Germany in the Olympic Games in 1936. His family was understood to be in Brazil and his father is dead. The latter formerly owned a brewery. Von Hutschler claimed to be born in England and educated in England and Germany. He had been in business in Germany at one time representing several South American Export Companies. While in New York City, Von Hutschler and his wife stayed at the Shelton Hotel but sometimes received mail at Elder's office. He gave Elder the following forwarding address when he left the United States in the fall of 1941:

c/o Paul Marx, c/o Curt Herz
Apt. 2A, 730 W. 183rd St., N.Y.C.

Von Hutschler's home address was Caixa Postal 444, Sao Paulo, Brazil. He also had a cable address - Lehfeld, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Von Hutschler's wife returned to Brazil in the early summer of 1941, before her husband returned. It is understood that she has divorced him.

Von Hutschler, in the years prior to the war, professed to be anti-Nazi, but intimated that it was necessary for him to "play ball" with the Nazis. He was in communication during that time with Elder concerning yachting matters. In order to disguise his sentiments, Von Hutschler arranged that when forwarding to Elder yachting regulations promulgated by the German Government, he would indicate approval of such regulations by signing his full name

or disapproval by signing just his last name.

In 1937, Von Hutschler teamed with one Hans Joachim Weise, in the Star races on Long Island Sound. The latter was a young and rabid Nazi who is still listed in yachting manuals as Secretary of the Hamburg, Germany Star Fleet. However it is understood that Weise was killed in action while serving with the German Army.

Cable Files CNY contain 13 messages either to or from Von Hutschler. They fall into these categories:

- A. Between Von Hutschler, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Helen Elliott, c/o Bahamas Realty Co., Nassau, Bahamas.
- B. Between Von Hutschler, P.O. Box 1005, Nassau, Bahamas, and Hanna Rohrig, Caixa 444 Sao Paulo, Brazil.
- C. Between Von Hutschler, P.O. Box 1005, Nassau, Bahamas, and Oscar Coelho, Sao Paulo, Brazil. (See Dayrep #3).

There was also on file a cable from Hanna Rohrig, Sao Paulo, to Lieselotte Von Hutschler, P.O. Box 1005, Nassau, Bahamas. All of these messages appear to concern only personal matters. Certain cables from Rohrig and Coelho stated that Von Hutschler's presence in Brazil was necessary in order to clear up his personal business. Messages from Coelho refer to an individual named Cramer. (First name unknown).

Central Files CNY contain a newspaper clipping dated May 24th, 1942, which describes the elopement of one NANCY OAKES, daughter of SIR HARRY OAKES, Canadian gold mine operator, with Count Alfred de Marigny. When their secret marriage was made known they were staying at the Hotel Gladstone, New York City. Subject's age was given as 35 and that of his bride as 18. It was stated that the bride's father was worth many millions of dollars. Subject and Miss Oakes became acquainted first in Nassau, B.W.I. during the past winter. According to this article subject was previously divorced a couple of years ago from his first wife, RUTH FAHNESTOCK. (It should be noted at this time that the Hotel Gladstone is under considerable suspicion as harboring pro-Nazis. An investigation of the hotel has been made by this division and a Memorandum Digest dated July 13th, 1942, should reach you within a few days.)

Cable Files CNY contain the following message addressed to Alfred de Marigny:

"BOCD6 25 WIRELESS
E NASSAU NP MAY 5 1942 NPT
NLT ALFRED DE MARIGNY
ST VINCENT HOSPITAL NEWYORK

ANDY WILL BE NEWYORK EIGHTEENTH I HOPE GAFFNEY SENT
YOU TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS AS INTENDED.

GEORGE VISDELOU"

Files of Service Division CNY, reveal that de Marigny has been acting as agent for one Edanji Dinsha who is investing funds in certain properties in the Bahamas Islands. On at least one occasion Dinsha cabled de Marigny at the Yacht Club, Havana, Cuba, regarding the proposed investments.

Dinsha appears to be a wealthy Indian Prince and British subject who was accompanied to New York by his cousin Mr. Darius Talyarken, and sister Bachoo Dinsha. They came originally from Bombay, India, and have admitted having considerable difficulty with British authorities who froze their funds for a week. This was done because of a fear that Dinsha's funds were being invested in American properties, in violation of British Exchange Regulations. The Dinshas and Talyarken are said to have a cable bill running to about \$1000 a month (the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, N.Y.C., stated that while Mr. Talyarken is still residing there, Dinsha and his sister have left.) However Dinsha does occasionally return to the hotel for a day or so. Accommodations were rented by Dinsha and Talyarken at \$800 a month. They were believed to represent considerable means. Both Dinsha and Talyarken were described as degenerates.